

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Keilor East Inc.



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Club Changeover Night - July 2nd 2018

President's Report



One year down and one to go. This year has been full of activity both in Rotary and on my home front. In between meetings, conferences BBQ's and Art shows I have had the pleasure (I jest) of moving house and organising my retirement from active practice.

The main aim for my year as president was centred on continuing and building Club cohesiveness and friendship whilst helping others (part of our club motto). The warmth and inclusiveness of the members were the reasons that attracted me to club 14 years ago and I trust my first year at the helm fostered these ideals with the addition of some new members and the retention of the “mature” members.

There have been many highlights this Rotary year. I have learned to knit again and by doing so, have connected to the Airport West Uniting Church and their devoted band of knitters for the needy. We held a successful trivia night last year which assisted them in purchasing a coffee machine for their newly built church and community centre and we continue to assist them with the purchase of wool.

We have been very active in our local community in other ways such as providing scholarships to the Keilor Heights Primary school, providing BBQ services for the Cystic Fibrosis Society, the Steele's Creek Conservation group and the Avondale Heights Community Garden. The Moonee Valley Festival and the Moonee Valley Art Show were opportunities to show the Rotary badge as well as raising funds for our charitable endeavours.

Our international focus has been on producing hygiene kits for girls and young women via Days for Girls in Balibo Timor Leste. We have used club funds and a Foundation grant to buy the necessary materials which together with donated fabrics and undies has produced hundreds of kits allowing girls to attend school no matter what time of month it is. DIK is a fantastic resource and we have supplied funds and person power to help with their work.

The Cambodian Rural School Trust was highlighted last year and many bright young people with scarce resources have been given “a hand up not a hand out”. Toilets in Bangladesh were also supported to enable a safe educational environment. Disaster aid and ROMAC have been recipients of funding to help at times of calamity.

I have enjoyed interacting with the younger generations via Rotaract and supporting a young student with his STEM aspirations

President's Report continued

President Ginny Billson with
District Governor Elect
Grant Hocking.



- New items on our yearly agenda included the successful Pitch for Funding which should grow from strength to strength as word of the event spreads.
- There have been many fun social and community based hands on activities that most of the members have participated in and the individual reports that follow will give more detail about what we have all been doing.
- My plans for the coming year are centered on the wellbeing of the club and its members. We welcome the opportunity to sponsor an established Interact club at St Albans Secondary College and learning about how they function. We also look forward to encouraging a number of new members in the new Rotary year and embrace the wisdom and energy that they may bring to this club.
- I would like to thank all the board members, which include the Service Directors, their committee members and especially all the club members who have worked so hard across all the areas of service when called upon to help. The club works so well when we all roll up our sleeves and pitch in.
- My final thanks with a big Rotary hug goes to my “First Bloke” Alex who has always been by my side and looking after me during a fairly hectic family and Rotary year.

Rotarian behind the Badge - Lloyd Lancaster - Monday 25th June

- I came into the world on 8th October 1932 I am 86 this year.
- My father was a bootmaker having come from England and my mother a dressmaker from Geelong.
- They had married a couple of years before my arrival and had a flat in Hawthorn before buying a house in Ascot Vale where my sister was born.
- I contracted polio when I was 4 and spent the next 2 years going backwards and forwards to the old Children's Hospital in Carlton for various therapies which, together with regular swimming sessions eventually restored movement to my legs.
- I started school at Moonee Ponds West Primary School and went onto Essendon High School for secondary education
- I left the High School after completing the 4th year to take up an apprenticeship as an Electrical Fitter with the Vic Railways.
- During my apprenticeship I had a part time job every Saturday morning at the Ascot Vale Drapery Store in Union Road.
- It was here that I got my first insight into what customer relations was all about.
- I also played cricket and Aussie rules in the EDFL and the Essendon and Flemington Church's Cricket Assoc., both of which I continued to play into my twenties.
- After I finished my apprenticeship, a friend and I applied for an Electrical Trades job with Braun Trades World constructing the Altona Oil Refinery to make our fortune from the wages plus overtime being paid.
- After 3 months there crawling around in muddy trenches installing substations equipment etc we quit.
- So, I went back to the Drapery Centre for 6 months before joining TAA as electric fitter come aircraft electrician making the test equipment for the servicing the electrical systems in their Viscount Aircraft. These test benches and modules are now still on display at the TAA museum in Airport West.
- My next step after 12 months with TAA, was into the Office Equipment Industry with British Tabulating Machine which later became International Computers Limited. My job was Data Processing Engineer servicing a range Punch Card Equipment and later the full range of ICL main frame computers.
- I had been taking singing lessons and was having a degree of success in the various singing eisteddfods around Melbourne and Ballarat's South Street during the late 50s. I had also joined the Northern Light Opera Company and went on to playing major singing roles in Musical Comedies as Desert Song, Oklahoma, Brigadoon and many others. At the same time singing at various weddings and other venues professionally also with the odd TV Shows.



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- It was at the NLOC that I met a lovely blue eyed blonde lady and played a number of part with her in the various musical comedies.
- I was being offered parts with other companies and had auditioned with the Victorian Light Opera Company which became Australian Opera for a part in their production of The Desert Song and was given a major part. The company was to stage the Production at the Princess Theatre and then go on tour around Australia and NZ and all cast members had to sign a contract to stay for the duration on the productions.
- Betty and I had become engaged and had set our marriage date so we were not happy about signing on for a show that was expected to run for 18 months to 2 years.
- So now was to time to build a new career to provide for our future.
- Remington was one of the major suppliers of Office Equipment in Australia with a full range of Typewriters, Adding and Bookkeeping Machines, Photo Copiers, Offset Printers and Duplicators Electronic Filing system and a huge range of office supplies.
- They employed nationally over 450 people over Australia with branches in all Capital cities and major country cities.
- The Victorian Service department was 180 which included 12 ladies in brown uniforms who went around cleaning customers typewriters as part of the Remington Service plan.
- There was a service division office staff of 6 ladies controlled by a women who had been with the company for 20 years and who thought she should have got the job and 7 division mangers most of who thought the same thing and why did they need to bring in an outsider together with 10 country branch in Victoria.
- One of my first tasks was to bed down a new computerised service contract system to handle all service contract administration, logging of service calls, spare parts ordering and division financial reporting.
- I was still playing roles and producing musicals and was to play the part of Pluto King of Hades in Orpheus and the Underworld.
- It was to be a full production by the Melbourne City Council's Arts season. The Saturday before the first night a full page article with this pictures appeared in the Melbourne Sun under the title "The School teacher, the Nun" and the Businessman.(Show photo)
- There was I in the full Pluto robes sitting next to the leading lady who was in a bath tub.
- I had never made a secret of my love for musicals but I was not sure how the new Remington boss of 5 months would be received on Monday which usually started with a sales or Branch meeting.
- Little did I know that the "dragon lady" in my office was a patron of the arts and actually played a number of drama parts herself.
- She became one my greatest supporter and as we got to know each other we implemented many new policies and systems over the next 3 or 4 years

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- After many managerial roles in the up and coming computer industry I took a package from Pitney Bowes in 1995 when I was 63. I wasn't sorry to retire as the last couple of years were difficult with some heavy industrial relations issues with trade unions and retrenchments of people that I had worked with for a long time.
- Many highlights over my time in this industry but one that I often think about was the setting up of a training program with RMIT as an introduction to the office equipment industry which came about because of an interview I did with Kerry Anne Kennelly on Channel 7 Careers program.
- From the RMIT course I was able to employ the first young lady in Australia as an office equipment technician. She is now a married with children but still runs her own little business servicing printers and PC products.
- Retirement is only another part of life and we have been fortunate to been able to visit my sister again who lives in London and travel the UK. We have enjoyed our time in NZ, Singapore and Hong Kong and all the other Aussie places we have been.
- We have our family holiday home at McCrae and enjoy the time we spend there, time particularly at Christmas when all the family are there together now including the grand children's partners.
- I have enjoyed my Rotary journey which start back in 1983 and the many projects I have been involved in. Project such as the Community Fairs, Western Autistic School Playground and of course the mentoring roles with the NEIS training program to name a few.
- I have enjoyed the regular fishing trips to the Murray and Edwards River with my friends of many years.
- Enjoying the fun and fellowship and outings with the Probus Club.
- But the greatest joy in being able to spend time and be involved with the grandchildren as they grow from child to teenager to young mature adult, as they all make their own way in life.
- Finally, the best part of my life has been asking the lovely blue eyed girl I met at Northern Light Opera Company all those years ago to be my wife and the time we have been together, plus whatever comes next.



Changeover Night 2018-2019

Taylors Lakes Hotel July 2nd 2018



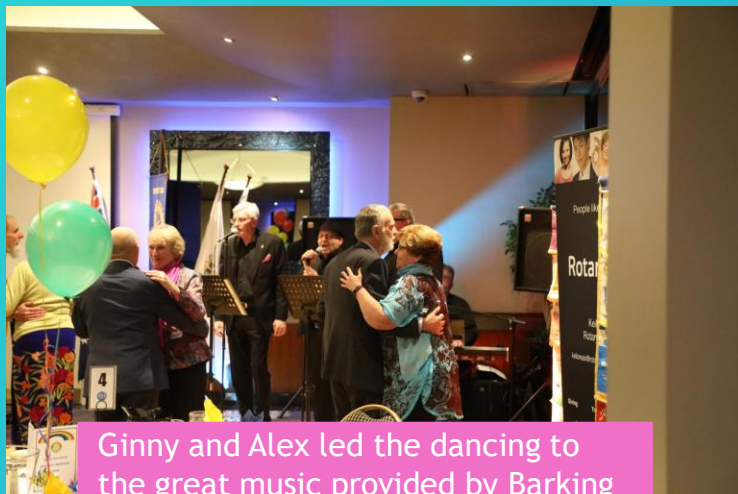
We thank Joe, Ginny and Alex for all their great organization.



DG Elect Grant Hocking presented Mark Tognon with his Paul Harris Fellow.



Ginny presented her President's Report for 2017-18.



Ginny and Alex led the dancing to the great music provided by Barking Dogs.



Congratulations and well-deserved upon your PHF Mark Tognon.



Congratulations go to Chris Rundell who is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

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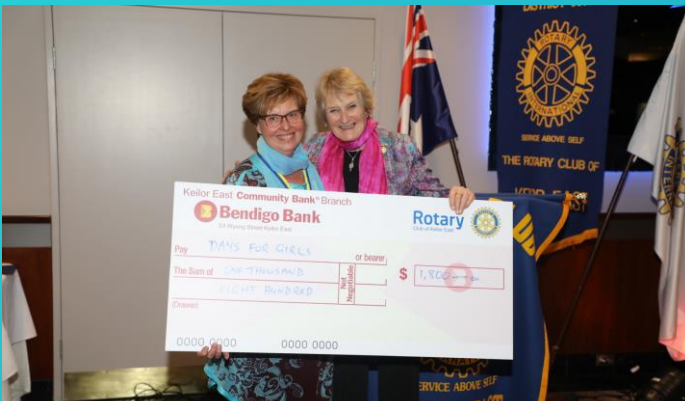
Marianne Potgieter received a medallion for her PFH.



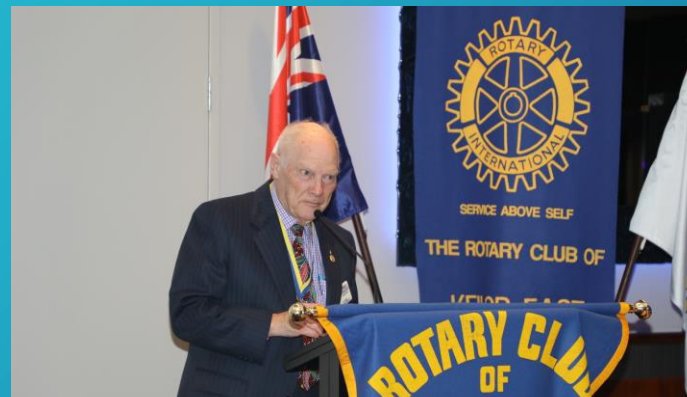
David Dippie (RC Keilor) received a cheque for Donations in Kind DIK.



Past President Bob McMartin performed Ginny's Induction for a second year as President.



International Director Cherrie Osborn accepted his cheque for Days for Girls project.



Treasurer Steve Pennicott received a further sapphire for his Paul Harris Fellow pin.



"Barking Dogs" provided excellent entertainment.

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Barbara and John Rafter are pictured with President Ginny. We look forward to seeing them soon.



Ginny presented Irene O'Shanassy and Melissa Hocking with a Peace Lily.



Let's Twist again like we did last Summer
Joe Albioli hit the dance floor with Lesley McCarthy from Flemington Rotary.



President Elect for our Club is Mark Tognon (centre). Our warmest congratulations go to him for 2019-2020.



ROTARY CLUB OF KEILOR EAST
EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO YOU AND YOUR PARTNER
TO ATTEND THE RIGHT COLOURFUL OCCASION
OF PRESIDENT GINNY BILLSON'S INAUGURATION

MONDAY 2nd JULY 2018
6:45PM FOR 7.00PM START

THE COURT YARD FUNCTION ROOM
TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL
7 MELTON HWY, TAYLORS LAKES

DRESS UP AND WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR AND ENJOY AN
EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING

ENTRÉE: PASTA PENNE NAPOLI OR CHICKEN SATAY SKEWERS
MAIN: LAMB SHANK OR CRUSTED BARRAMUNDI
DESSERT: STICKY DATE PUDDING OR FRESH FRUIT SALAD
SERVING: TEA OR COFFEE

\$55.00 PER HEAD WITH DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
PAYMENT METHOD: EFT BSB: 633 106 ACCOUNT: 117 310 292
OR CASH, CHEQUE, CREDIT CARD AT CLUB MEETING



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The 2018 - 2019 Club Board



L to R: President - Ginny Billson, Secretary - Chris Rundell, International - Cherrie Osborn, (rear) Vocational - Mark Tognon, Community Service - Minh Nguyen, Membership - Brett Bedson, Social - Joe Albioli, Special Projects - Gerard Mahoney. Absent - Foundation - Tina Ballos, Treasurer - Patrick Honeyborne.

What's Next?

Date	Event
Sunday 8th July	Bunnings BBQ Watergardens
Monday 9th July	Assistant Governor Des O'Shanassy from RC of Hoppers Crossing on Winspeak & Celia Rice - Moonee Valley Libraries
Monday 16th July	Elodie Camprasse -Wildlife Victoria
Monday 23rd July	Refugee and Disadvantaged Community Hubs in the North West - Philip Archer
Thursday 26th July	Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion, Puckle St Moonee Ponds @7.30pm. We will receive 15% on any sales (usually 7.5%)
Monday 6th August	TBA

Our Club gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship we receive from the Keilor East Bendigo Community Bank and Smart Storage World to assist us in providing services to the Community.

Rotary Club of Keilor East meets on
6.30pm for 6.45pm at Keilor East RSL,
Hoffmans Rd, West Essendon
For Club Membership or Sponsorship information
Contact: Past President, Joe Albioli (0438133123)
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Program
Director 2018-
2019 Joy Ryan



Rotary Thanksgivings

*We give thanks for our daily food. May Rotary friends and Rotary ways, help us to serve all our days.

* For good food, good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

July 12 Heather Honeyborne
July 16 Liz Gibbs
July 19 Joe Albioli & Stephanie Hewish
July 23 Jan Allan
July 31 John Bergbauer



Anniversaries

July 11 Patrick and Heather Honeyborne
July 14 Joe and Liz Albioli
July 15 Daryl and Sonja Cornish



Rotary Anniversaries



July 9 Ben Carroll (Honorary Member) 2012



Member News



Great Grandma Win, Greg and Yvonne Osborn welcomed Samantha Kate Jones who was born on July 3rd 2018, weighing 7lbs 15oz. She is a second child for Kate and Dan Jones and a little sister for Joshua who will be two years old on July 17th.



David Gibbs shared a joke with his grandson Ryan Luib. It was great to catch up with Liz Gibbs at our July 2nd Changeover Night and we thank her for sending us this great photo.



Tina and John Ballos are enjoying a great holiday with their son Steven.

